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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Section 206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On Monday, February 3, 2003, David LaFuria and Rick Morrow met with Daniel Gonzalez in Commissioner Kevin Martin's office on behalf of Virginia Cellular, LLC ("Virginia Cellular"). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits of Virginia Cellular's Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status in the state of Virginia. A copy of the map depicting Virginia Cellular's licensed service area, which was attached to Virginia Cellular's Petition as Exhibit C, was left with Mr. Gonzalez per his request.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are enclosed for inclusion in the Commission's docket file.

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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. LaFuria".

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cc: Daniel Gonzalez